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I strongly oppose the proposed development of this parcel. The stand of mature trees on the site must be preserved. Removal of mature trees not only negatively impacts the existing trees and drainage control on adjacent parcels, such removal negatively impacts the entire neighborhood. It negatively impacts the local trees' ability to withstand wind storms. It negatively impacts the wildlife in the area. The presence of many mature trees and the accompanying wildlife is an integral part of our community and lifestyle, it defines the character, comfort and value of our neighborhood. It is no exaggeration to say that removal of yet another tree stand in our city will lead, and is in fact leading to, a change in our city for the worse – less green, more barren. There needs to be a change in our way of approaching this. They are not just timber. No amount of procedural mitigation or cost analysis can make up for the loss of these trees. The value of the view, the value of the increased density, the value of the new house's tax payments, etc.- these do not compare the value of the trees, period. "The tree is the view."

Thank you.

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